

# Party Convention Is Relatively Calm

Grand Island (N) — A shouting match developed over the absence of a farm plank in the platform adopted Saturday night by the state convention of the American Independent Party.

Members of the National Farmers Organization, whose state convention took place earlier Saturday, criticized the platform during a question and answer period.

Outside the convention, a quiet civil rights vigil was held without incident.

Charles Gove, a Denton farmer and NFO member, demanded to know the position of the party's nominee, former Alabama Gov. George Wallace, on collective bargaining for the farmer.

Wallace representatives said the standard-bearer has not made public his farm program. Other farmers at the meeting said they preferred to operate without a union board or federal government control.

The 42 persons involved in the vigil carried out a candlelit service led by the Rev. Velton Randall, pastor of Quinn's Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lincoln. They sang songs but broke up before the political convention had adjourned. A number of Grand

Island police patrolled the area.

The convention nominated Wallace for president and former Georgia Gov. Marvin Griffin as a stand-in candidate for vice president. Wallace has not made public his vice presidential choice.

Dr. Gerald Byrd of Omaha was elected state chairman.

Named presidential electors were Gary Williams of Hastings, Dr. Byrd, Marion Villella and Marie Howard, all of Omaha, and Randall Salisbury of Lincoln.

A three-point platform was adopted. It called for a return of government to the local level, a restoration of American military might as a defense against aggression, and a hope for an honorable solution to the Paris peace talks.

The platform stated that if the peace talks fail, the Vietnam military situation should be reassessed.

The keynote speaker was Bryan Causey, president of Alexander City La. Junior College. He said that until a few days ago, Wallace did not seriously believe he could win the election.

Causey said Wallace now believes he has a "definite and exceedingly possible chance to be elected based on current polls."

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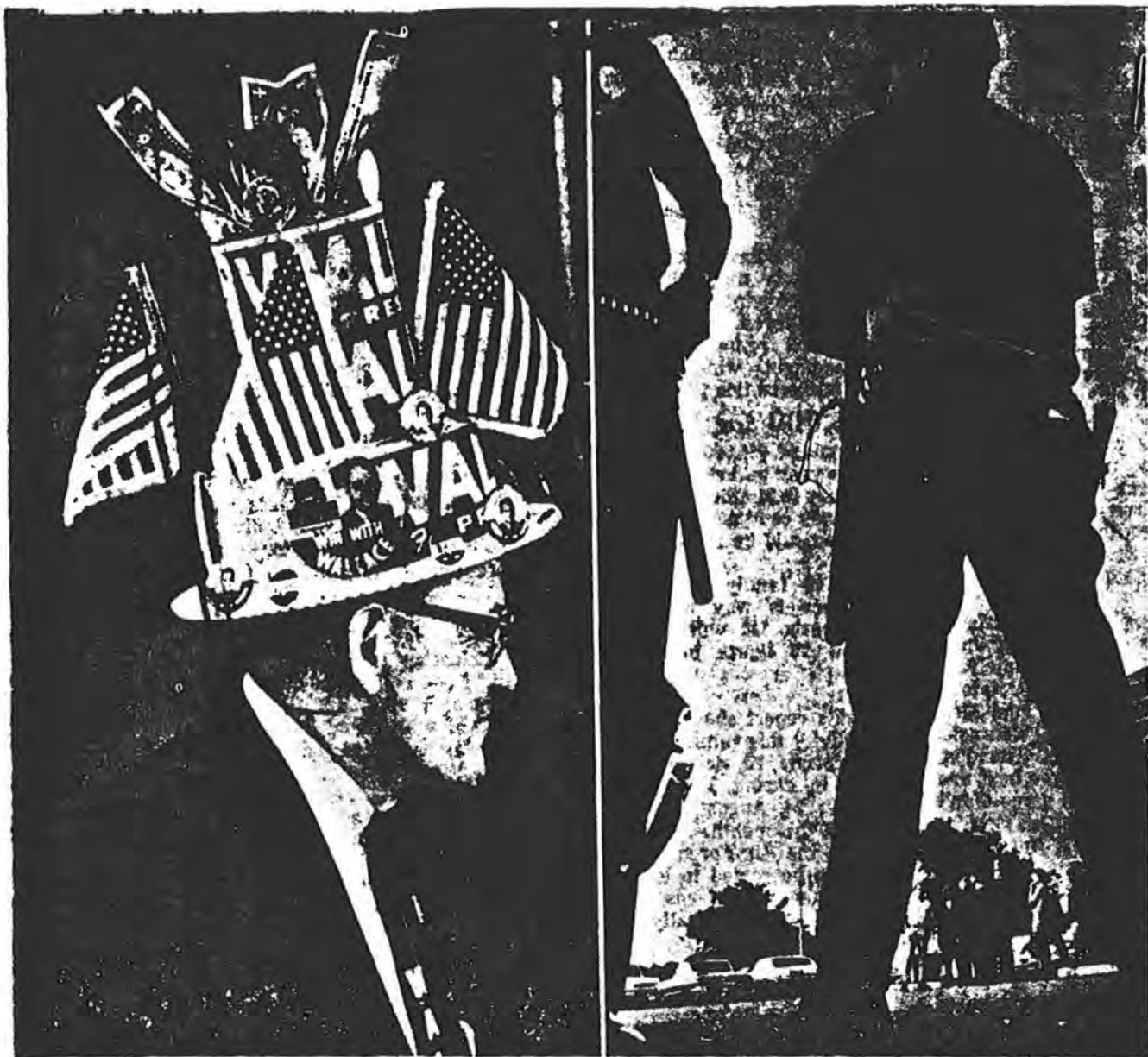
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## 'Freedom Vigil' for Rights Martyrs



SUNDAY JOURNAL-STAR PHOTO BY JOHN NOLLENDORF

Students and clergy stand in silent prayer during a candlelight vigil Saturday night held at the same time the state convention of George Wallace's American Independent Party in Grand Island. The vigil, originally conceived by a group of University of Nebraska students, was a "memorial service for martyred freedom fighters," according to vigil spokesmen.



Inside the Holiday Inn at Grand Island, an American Independent Party member goes all out to show his support for Party Presidential nominee George Wallace. Outside the motel Grand Island police stand watch during a civil rights candlelight vigil attended by about 50 persons.

# IF YOU CARE...

STUDENTS AND OTHER CONCERNED PERSONS will hold a memorial service for martyred freedom fighters in Grand Island this Saturday, Sept. 14, while backers of Alabama's George Wallace gather for the American Independent Party convention.

ALL CONCERNED PERSONS are urged to join Grand Islanders, Lincolmites, Omahans and students in the solemn, candlelight ceremony.

In Lincoln, we'll gather about 5 p.m. on Lincoln's 15th St. mall between Q and R St. A car pool will be needed for students. If you drive, please come to the mall before leaving Lincoln.

The service, to be preceded and followed by a silent vigil, will begin about 8 p.m.

The convention will be held at the midtown Holiday Inn, 2503 S. Locust St. The vigil area will be opposite the motel, on the right-of-way. (See map.)

Dress befitting a memorial service is requested.

Please bring candles.

The hungry will find a Pizza Hut just north of the Holiday Inn.

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This flyer is distributed by The Eleventh Hour, a new coalition of concerned persons, primarily University of Nebraska students, with the support of Lincoln's Committee of 1,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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TO: *b7c* ALL AGENTS (62-2963)

DATE: 10/23/68

SAC PAUL C. YOUNG

SUBJECT: GENERAL CURTIS E. LE MAY  
VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY  
VISIT TO DES MOINES, IOWA, AND  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, 10/28/68

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Special Agent [redacted] Secret Service, Omaha, advised this date that General LE MAY and his wife will be [redacted] chartered plane into Des Moines, Iowa, the morning of 10/28/68 to attend a civic club luncheon in Des Moines. Following the luncheon, General LE MAY and his wife will fly to Omaha to attend a fund-raising dinner in Omaha 10/28/68. *b7c*

The only additional details known at this time are that Mrs. LE MAY will travel to Lincoln, Nebraska, to visit [redacted] and she will rejoin General LE MAY 10/30/68 in Kansas City, Missouri. *b7c*

All Agents are instructed to remain alert for any information reflecting adversely on General LE MAY's travel in the Omaha Division and immediately furnish same to ASAC so that Secret Service may be appropriately advised.

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GENERAL CURTIS E. LE MAY  
VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY  
VISIT TO DES MOINES, IOWA, AND  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, 10/28/68

Re memorandum to all Agents from the SAC 10/23/68.

Secret Service, Omaha, on this date furnished the following additional information concerning Gen. LE MAY's travel in Omaha Division:

Following the Civic Club luncheon in Des Moines, Iowa, 10/28/68, Gen. LE MAY plans to leave by chartered plane and arrive in Omaha approximately at 2:30 p.m. Gen. LE MAY's party will stay at the Blackstone Hotel, Omaha, and he will speak at a fund-raising dinner at the Holiday Inn, Omaha, that night, 10/28/68.

The morning of 10/29/68, Gen. LE MAY will depart for Kansas City, Missouri.

All Agents are again instructed to remain alert for any information reflecting personally on Gen. LE MAY's travel in the Omaha Division and furnish same immediately to ASAC or, in his absence, to Supervisor [REDACTED] so that the Secret Service, Omaha, may be appropriately advised.

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## LeMay Talks Here Tonight

Curtis E. LeMay, the Vice-Presidential choice of George C. Wallace, was to arrive at Eppley Airfield this afternoon after campaigning in Des Moines.

LeMay, former SAC commander and retired Air Force general, will hold a press conference at the Blackstone Hotel and then speak at a 25-dollar-a-plate fund-raising dinner at the Holiday Inn at 7.

Three hundred are expected.

LeMay will be the only one of the six Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidates to make a personal appearance in Nebraska since the national conventions.

### LeMay Says Russia Leading U.S. Now

Washington (AP) — Retired Gen. Curtis E. LeMay says a National Security Council study indicates the United States is rapidly losing its strategic military strength lead over Russia.

"As a matter of fact the curve was crossed in 1968," he said.

LeMay made the comment on CBS' "Face the Nation" before taking his third party Vice-Presidential campaign into the Midwest.

"I would say otherwise," LeMay said of a statement last week by Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford that the United States has substantial military superiority over Russia.

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PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
IOWA, AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER TWENTYONE THROUGH TWENTYTWO,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

FORMER ALABAMA GOVERNOR, GEORGE C. WALLACE, AND RETIRED  
USAF GENERAL CURTIS LE MAY <sup>WILL</sup> APPEAR IN QUAD-CITIES AREA AT  
DAVENPORT, IOWA AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER TWENTYONE,  
INSTANT DATE AND OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, NEXT. WALLACE SCHEDULED  
TO APPEAR AT TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR A PLATE DINNER AT BLACK HAWK  
HOTEL, SIX P.M., OCTOBER TWENTYONE, INSTANT, TO SPEAK BEFORE  
ANTICIPATED CROWD OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE. WALLACE  
SCHEDULED TO GIVE MAJOR SPEECH AT WHARTON FIELD HOUSE,  
MOLINE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER TWENTYONE, INSTANT, WITH RALLY OPEN  
TO PUBLIC.

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WALLACE AND PARTY PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO STAY OVER  
NIGHT AT LE CLAIR HOTEL, MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AND LEAVE AREA  
ABOUT EIGHT A.M., OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, NEXT.

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RE OMAHA TELETYPE THIS DATE.

WALLACE APPEARED AT SPECIAL FUND RAISING DINNER AT HOTEL BLACKHAWK, DAVENPORT, IOWA. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED EXCEPT FOR GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTYFIVE HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS WHO CARRIED SEVERAL SIGNS QUOTE ADOLPH DASH BENITO DASH GEORGE; ADOLPH, WALLACE; IF YOU LIKE HITLER YOU'LL LOVE WALLACE; AMERICA DOES NOT NEED GESTAPO; WALACE IS ROSEMARY'S BABY"UNQUOTE.

WALLACE AND PARTY LEFT HOTEL BLACKHAWK IMMEDIATELY AFTER DINNER WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PERSONS AND TRAVELLED TO MOLINE, ILLINOIS FOR APPEARANCE AT WHARTON FIELD HOUSE, MOLINE, ILLINOIS. 62-2961-3

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PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
IOWA AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER TWENTYONE THROUGHT TWENTYTWO,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE OMAHA AND SPRINGFIELD TELS TO DIRECTOR.

WALLACE APPEARED AT WARTON FIELD HOUSE, MOLINE, ILLINOIS,  
THIS P.M., BEFORE ESTIMATED FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE.  
SPEECH INTERRUPTED BY HECKLERS ESTIMATED BY TV TO BE ONE  
HUNDRED FIFTY. BOTH NEGROES AND WHITES, NOT IDENTIFIED, ESTIMATED  
AS AROUND TWO HUNDRED OUTSIDE FIELD HOUSE IN PARKING LOT.

VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN THIS LOT WHEN BRICKS, ROCKS, WOOD, ETC.  
THROWN AT LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY. ILLINOIS STATE POLICE  
SGT. CONFINED TO HOSPITAL WITH BROKEN RIBS. OTHER OFFICERS HIT  
WITH FLYING OBJECTS, NONE HOSPITALIZED, INJURIES BELIEVED  
MINOR, EXTENT UNKNOWN. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN IN PARKED CARS  
SURROUNDING FIELD HOUSE BEARING WALLACE STICKERS. DAMAGE BELIEVED  
EXTENSIVE. NO ARRESTS KNOWN.

WALLACE DEPARTED MOLINE AIRPORT TEN TEN P.M. FOR MILWAUKEE,  
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Omaha, Nebraska

October 23, 1968

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PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
IOWA, AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS,  
OCTOBER 21 - 22, 1968 b7C b7D

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Mr. George C. Wallace, former Governor of Alabama, and presidential candidate of the American Independent Party ticket, and his running mate, former United States Air Force General Curtis Le May, are scheduled to arrive at the Quad-Cities Airport, Moline, Illinois, about 3:45 p.m., October 21, 1968, as Wallace is to appear before a fund raising dinner in Davenport, Iowa, and deliver a major address at Moline, Illinois, the same night.

After arrival at the Quad-Cities Airport, Wallace and his party are to proceed to the Le Claire Hotel, Moline, Illinois, for a news conference and then on to Davenport, Iowa, to attend and speak before a group attending a special fund raising dinner at \$25.00-a-plate at the Black Hawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, where the dinner is to begin at 6:00 p.m.

After the dinner and brief speech at the Black Hawk Hotel, the party is to return to the Le Claire Hotel Moline, Illinois, and then to the Wharton Field House, Moline, Illinois, where Mr. Wallace is to give a major address at 8:00 p.m.

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GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
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OCTOBER 21-22, 1968

Mr. Wallace and his party are reportedly staying  
at the Le Claire Hotel, Moline, Illinois, the night of  
October 21, 1968, and leaving the quad-cities area the  
morning of October 22, 1968.

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The Times-Democrate, a daily newspaper published  
at Davenport, Iowa, in an article dated October 21, 1968,  
reported about 150 high school and college students attended  
the meeting [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised as follows:

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Shortly before 5:00 p.m., a small group of about 25 youths, appearing to be high school age, and including two Negroes, appeared in front of the Black Hawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa. Several of the youths had signs as follows:

"Adolph - Benito and George;" "Adolph Wallace;" "America doesn't want gestapo;" "If you like Hitler you'll love Wallace;" and a sign in four parts "Wallace is Rosemary's Baby."

A couple of youths also handed out some one-page leaflets captioned "Do you want police-dog, billy-club, and fire-bomb law and order....?", which leaflet was identified as printed by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO Bldg., 815 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., further identified as Cope Publication number 191C.

The small group of picketers was stationed on the south side of West Third Street across the street from the Black Hawk Hotel. In addition to the signs, members of the group frequently raised their arms and made the V for victory with two fingers.

Mr. Wallace and his group, minus former General Le May, arrived at the Black Hawk Hotel about 6:40 p.m. Wallace was introduced to the crowd and delivered a short address to the group of approximately 300 people who attended

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PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
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OCTOBER 21-22, 1968**

the \$25.00 a plate special fund raising dinner. Wallace was at the hotel about one hour and then returned to Moline, Illinois, to speak before a large group at the Wharton Field House, Moline, Illinois, in what was billed as a major address.

A number of hecklers appeared inside and outside the Wharton Field House and several incidents and/or demonstrations occurred.

The demonstration in Davenport, Iowa, was orderly and no incidents occurred.

After concluding the speech at the Wharton Field House, Wallace and his party returned to the Quad-Cities Airport and left immediately for Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (62-2961) (C)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] AMERICAN INDEPENDENT  
PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
GEORGE C. WALLACE IN DAVENPORT,  
IOWA, AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS,  
OCTOBER 21 - 22, 1968  
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Re Omaha teletypes to Bureau and Springfield,  
dated 10/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of  
a letterhead memorandum captioned as above. Two copies  
of letterhead memorandum furnished for Springfield.

In addition to the information furnished by  
[REDACTED] WALLACE's appearance at  
the Black Hawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, was also observed by  
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Copy of enclosed LHM being submitted to SAC RICHARD A.  
ROTH, U.S. Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska; Headquarters Region  
V, 113th MIG, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mr. JAMES P. RIKELY, USA,  
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IOWA, AND MOLINE, ILLINOIS,  
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Re Omaha and Springfield tels, dated 10/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning the visit of former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE to Moline, Illinois.

Enclosed for Milwaukee and Omaha are 2 copies of the above described LHM.

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October 23, 1968

DEMONSTRATION DURING APPEARANCE  
OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
GEORGE C. WALLACE  
MOLINE, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 21, 1968

On October 21, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that former Alabama Governor, GEORGE C. WALLACE appeared at Warton Field House, Moline, Illinois, before a crowd of between 5500 and 6000 people. His speech was interrupted by hecklers numbering approximately 150. [REDACTED] advised that WALLACE handled the hecklers in his usual manner, however, it was difficult at times to hear former Governor WALLACE because of the hecklers. [REDACTED] advised there were no incidents within the confines of the field house. b7

On October 21, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Negro and white persons, not further identified, numbering approximately 200, were outside the Warton Field House, Moline, Illinois, in the parking lot. [REDACTED] advised that these persons began throwing bricks, rocks, and wood at local police officers and began breaking windows in automobiles which had "WALLACE for President" stickers on them. [REDACTED] was confined to the hospital with broken ribs which he received during demonstrations. Other officers received bruises and minor injuries, however, no other officers were admitted to the hospital. b7c

A few innocent bystanders were struck with flying objects and were taken to the hospital, but none were confined. There were no arrests made in connection with this incident. Former Governor WALLACE departed Moline Airport at 10:10 P.M. for Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
GEORGE C. WALLACE  
MOLINE, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 21, 1968

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# Airport Greeting Friendly

A TIMES-DEMOCRAT  
TEAM REPORT

George C. Wallace brought his third-party presidential campaign to the Quad-Cities Monday and was greeted by a generally friendly airport crowd estimated by law enforcement officials at 500 persons.

He arrived at the Quad-City Airport about 40 minutes ahead of schedule and without his American Independent Party runningmate, retired Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay.

Wallace aides said LeMay, originally scheduled to make the Quad-City campaign stop, went to Miami, Fla., Monday night.

Speaking from an open convertible at the airport, Wallace told cheering partisans: "Our movement is strong. It is not a sectional movement. We are going to win."

Wearing a light blue suit and a muted red-striped tie, he said, "Glad to see you folks," when officially welcomed by a group of Quad-City supporters after leaving the plane.

He made his brief remarks before walking along a restraining fence to shake hands with his supporters and sign autographs for some of them.

He leaned against the fence, reaching out for the crowd alternating his right hand and left hand.

He stopped frequently to pat the heads of youngsters, pushed up against the fence.

"Hello, sweetie pie," the candidate said as he met each youngster.

For the most part, the crowd was a Wallace crowd. Most waved Wallace placards, wore his campaign buttons or hats and shouted approval of

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his remarks.

The hecklers were few and primarily silent.

#### Quips About Nixon

He drew laughs when he responded to the revving of an airplane motor.

"I'll wait until Mr. Nixon's plane takes off," he quipped in reference to Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential nominee, who visited the Quad-Cities two weeks ago.

Security appeared to be tighter around Wallace than it was for Nixon when a crowd estimated at 4,500 surged around the airport terminal building to welcome the GOP standardbearer.

Wallace said he was not disappointed that he drew a smaller crowd. His arrival, 40 minutes ahead of the 3:45 p.m. schedule, came during working hours. Nixon arrived about 10:45 p.m. Oct. 9.

A man who travels throughout the nation to sell campaign paraphernalia at Wallace rallies said, "This is the worst crowd I've seen in terms of sales and attendance."

Wallace took no public no-

ice of placards carried by about 10 Augustana College students.

One of them drew chuckles even from some Wallace supporters. The sign proclaimed, "I laid down in front of George's car and lived."

Wallace backers carried signs proclaiming, "You can't get hurt with George and Curt," and "All the Way with Wallace and LeMay."

Mrs. John Ingram, Moline, wearing a bright red dress and sporting a Wallace campaign button on the buckle of her shoe, said, "I'm a Wallace supporter from head to toe."

#### No Comment

Wallace, questioned by newsmen as he shook hands and walked to the hardtop automobile which took him to the Hotel LeClaire, Moline, said he had "no comment" on a magazine article written by the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y.

Kennedy, in an article on the Cuban missile crisis, said LeMay was one of the military men who recommended bombing of Cuban missile bases during the crisis.

Asked about the article, Wallace said, "I'm not going to comment on that." He added, "I haven't read the article."

A motorcade took Wallace and his entourage to the Hotel LeClaire without incident.

Some hecklers were waiting for him at the hotel, but he ignored them to shake hands with supporters — about 40 or 50 persons, according to police.



A Secret Service man, wearing dark glasses, keeps close watch on crowd at Quad-City Airport as third party presidential candidate George Wallace greets the crowd that turned out to welcome him Monday in Moline. A security ring was drawn more tightly around Wallace than had been provided for Richard M. Nixon, Republican presidential candidate, when he visited the Quad-Cities Oct. 2. (More: Pages 2 and 5)



# Most Of 6,000 In Crowd

## Back Alabaman

# Hecklers Hoot Wallace In Q-C

### A TIMES-DEMOCRAT TEAM REPORT

Emotions mounted to fever pitch in Wharton Field House, Moline, Monday night as third party presidential candidate George C. Wallace traded barbs with an estimated 250 hecklers in the capacity crowd of about 6,000.

Several minor scuffles developed and law enforcement officers moved in and escorted some of the hecklers from the fieldhouse. No arrests were made.

The confrontation was the only disturbance during the bi-state campaign that began with his arrival at Quad-City Airport, Moline, extended to a \$25-a-plate fund-raising dinner at the Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport, and wound up with the packed-house rally at Wharton Field House.

Wallace flew to Moline from Bristol, Tenn. He canceled plans to stay overnight at the LeClaire Hotel and immediately after the fieldhouse rally went to the airport to board his chartered DC-8 for Milwaukee, Wis.

Wallace was met at the Quad-City airport by about 500 persons, mostly partisan in his favor. He spoke to about 300 at the Davenport dinner

where he was heckled slightly as he entered and left the hotel.

But it was at the fieldhouse that the full-scale heckling occurred. The shouting, booing group was made up primarily of college students from the Quad-City area.

At one point Wallace told the students, "These folks came to listen. Why don't you sit down and be quiet."

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As Wallace continued speaking, five student protesters got into the main floor and moved down to the front. One of them, a Negro with an arm in a sling, held a clenched fist raised above his head, a symbolic gesture used by the black power movement.

A spectator charged into the group and grabbed one and jerked him out of the crowd despite cries from Wallace to "let the police handle it, let the police handle it." Other spectators and police separated them and the officers finally took the five students off the floor.

Several hundred other picketers carrying anti-Wallace signs milled around outside the municipal fieldhouse but locked doors kept them from entering.

During Wallace's speech, a chemical bomb of some sort exploded in the rear of the fieldhouse, releasing a tear-producing agent which sent about 50 persons fleeing into the rainy night.

Police said they had no idea where the bomb came from, but they assumed it was thrown in from the outside.

One youth was taken into custody but later released by Moline police in connection with the bomb, authorities said.

Several police officers were injured in scuffles but only Sgt. Leo Schmidt, a state trooper, was hospitalized. He

was admitted to Moline Public Hospital for X-rays for possible rib fractures.

State Police Cpl. Bill Kaularich and Troopers Jack Huggins and Floyd Whaley suffered skinned knees. Moline Police Lt. Gene Hermes and Patrolman Kenneth Rexroth received facial abrasions, and Rock Island Patrolman James Laveil suffered a bruised leg and lost his helmet.

Moline Patrolmen Dave Millett, James Williams and Randy Heaton were among those caught in the spray of a type of tear gas.

Three young people were taken to hospitals for treatment. They were John Spiegel, 17, of 842 16th Ave., Moline, who lost two front teeth when he was struck in the mouth by a fist; Ronald White, 20, 719 9th St., and Cornell Stover, 17, of 608 9th Ave., both of Rock Island, treated for arm and hand lacerations.

Trouble outside the fieldhouse apparently began when anti-Wallace demonstrators began forming a snake line and shouting slogans.

Windows of at least two cars parked near the fieldhouse were broken. The cars had Wallace bumper stickers.

One radio station news car was damaged and the roof of the Moline assistant fire chief's car was caved in.

Inside the fieldhouse, the hecklers chanted, "Sieg Heil, Sieg Heil" and sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to interrupt Wallace's speech.

Wallace countered by using two microphones to boom his message to the mostly friendly crowd.

Pointing to the hecklers, he said, "You are some of the people who this country is sick and tired of."

Turning to his partisans, he said, "They (the hecklers) are draft exempt while your sons and grandsons are fighting in southeast Asia and your taxes are helping to put them through school."

#### Cheers Ring

He added, "I'm going to put a stop to that."

Wallace drew the loudest cheers when he responded to the heckling. He earned ear-splitting applause when he referred to the hecklers as "anarchists, militants and activists who have destroyed security for every man and woman in Illinois."

He added, "They are making it unsafe for you here tonight. I am sorry."

His speech was a repetition of the 10-point farm program he has outlined on previous occasions. It included government loans to finance grain warehouse cooperatives.

He said his farm proposals are aimed at "gradual relaxation and elimination" of all government regulations and a concurrent reduction in farm subsidy payments.

Wallace also proposed to boost farm price supports to 100 per cent of parity, which he described as a means of enabling farmers to get prices comparable to those received by other segments of industry for their products.

#### Davenport Dinner

The former Alabama governor, recalling his own boyhood on a farm, said farmers are in worse shape economically now than at any time since the 1930s.

Wallace also called for:

- Repeal of the national air housing law.
- Return of "absolute control of the public school system" to local boards.

—A military victory in the Vietnam conflict in the event the Paris negotiations break down. Wallace said it does not appear as if the negotiations will come to fruition.

—Support for police and firemen. "I'm going to give my moral support to policemen and firemen," he said.

—Insuring military superiority for the U.S. rather than having it become a "second-class power."

At the dinner in Davenport, Wallace said "Mr. Hubert H. Humphrey is out of the battle."

He said a vote for Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, the Democratic presidential nominee, would be "wasted" because it would not change the trend in this country.

Wallace criticized both Humphrey and the Republican nominee, Richard M. Nixon, as men who have gone on record in favor of world government.

#### Raps 'I-Worlders'

"I'm for sitting around the conference table and settling our differences," Wallace said, "but I'm not for selling out our sovereignty to the one-worlders."

He was applauded six times in his 15-minute speech.

Roast baron of beef and baby June peas were on the dinner plates but Wallace did not touch the food. He apparently had dinner during his seclusion in the LeClaire Hotel between his arrival at the airport and the dinner appearance.

Running late, Wallace bobbed briskly into the dinner room, dressed in blue suit, muted blue-striped tie and white shirt, his hair slicked back.

#### Denies Racism

He shook a few hands, signed autographs and was introduced by Henry Ramey, East Moline, chairman of the Quint-City Wallace for Presidential Committee.

Wallace touched briefly on the American Independent party farm program, then lashed Nixon, Humphrey, poll takers, the liberal press and anarchists, and denied that he is a racist.

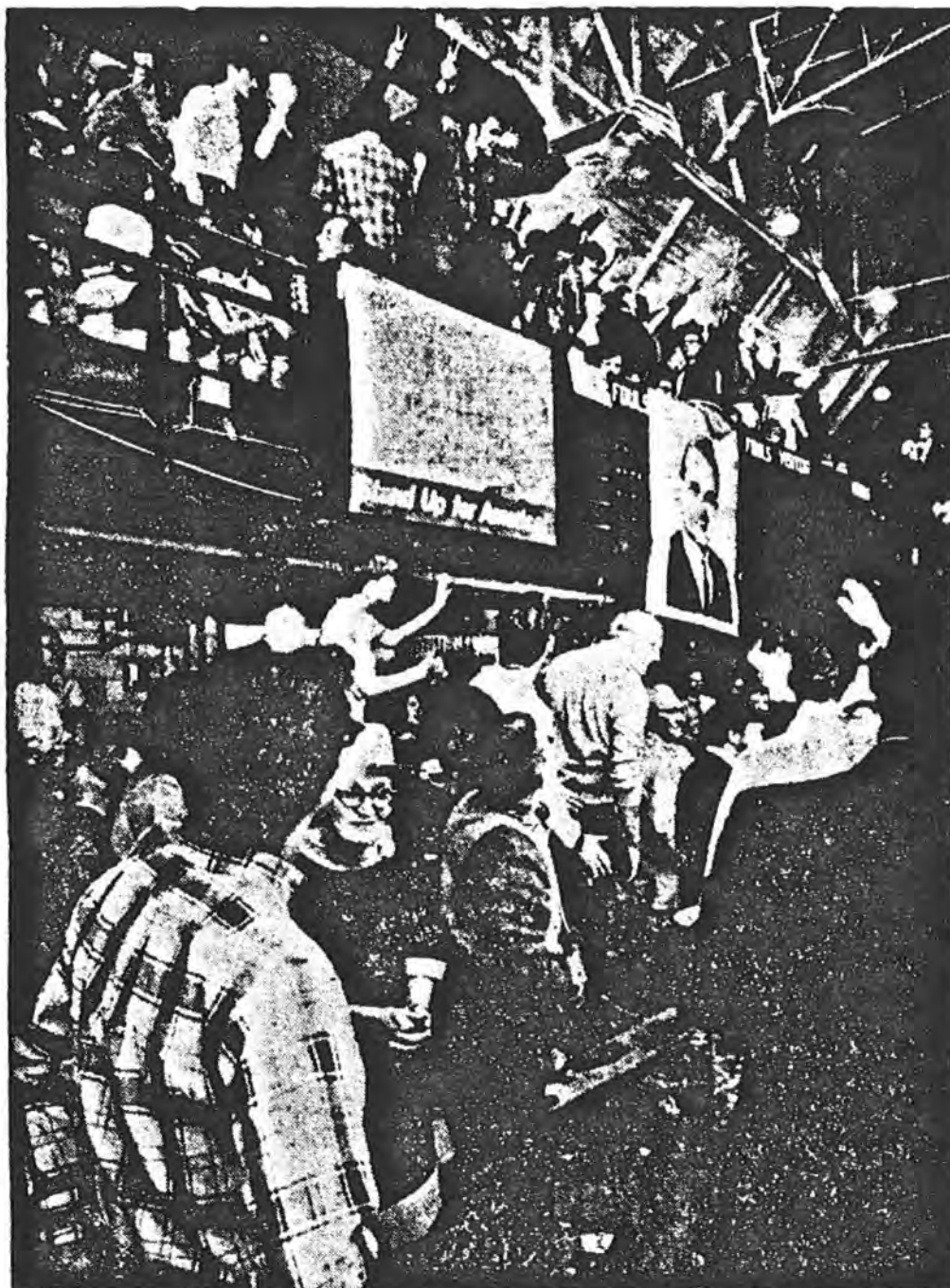
"I'm tired of voting for the lesser of two evils in this country," Wallace said. "Our movement is going to bring about a realignment of the two parties. The Democrats or Republicans will have to adopt our programs or be dissolved."

#### Given Gift

The Quad-City Wallace organization presented the third-party candidate with two pieces of glassware, engraved United States, George C. Wallace to "Mr. President of These Iace."

Ralph Bradley, identified as former Illinois secretary of agriculture, sat among supporters at the speakers table with Wallace.

Robert Dilley, Des Moines, chairman of the Wallace party in Iowa, and six electors of the party attended the dinner. The electors are Lee Smith, Correctionville; Norman Richardson, Des Moines; Bob Bufington, Glenwood; Ted Sluts, Ottumwa; Matt Sanders, Davenport; Darrell Kearney, Des Moines, and David Quiner, Dows.



Supporters of Wallace on the main floor of Warton Field House exchange barbs with hecklers in the balcony section.





"Hi there, sweetie pie," says third party presidential candidate George Wallace as a baby, sleeping contentedly sucking on a pacifier, is thrust across a fence to catch his attention at Quad-City Airport.



Tension hit a high point at the rally when these youths came to the front section on the main floor to heckle Wallace. The youths were taken from the fieldhouse under police escort as members of the crowd grabbed for them.



The girl with the striped slacks is helped by friends after being affected by contents a tear-producing chemical bomb which exploded inside the fieldhouse during the rally for Wallace. About 40 or 50 persons, tears streaming down their faces, scurried from the fieldhouse after the bomb exploded.



# Q-C Wallace Aide, Kin Attacked

Henry Ramey, chairman of the Quint-City Wallace for President Committee, reported Tuesday that he and his family were attacked Monday night as they were leaving Wharton Field House after the George Wallace rally there.

Ramey said he and his wife and four children were leaving the rear of the building heading toward Sixteenth Street in Moline when he and his family were surrounded by a group of young Negroes.

He said one girl, armed with a "long, sharp instrument," attempted to attack his wife. Ramey said he went to her assistance. His son David, 13, was hit on the head with a heavy instrument, according to Ramey, and knocked unconscious. The boy was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Rock Island, where he was listed in good condition Tuesday.

Ramey said two other men helped the Rameys to a car and offered to drive them to safety. Ramey said one of the men who helped them also was struck to the ground. However, since Ramey and his family left immediately, he does not know who it was who helped them.

Except for David, the Rameys escaped harm, Ramey said.

Ramey released the following statement:

"Those who wreck cars and maliciously attack women and children must be supporting some other candidate for they are denying freedom of expression and freedom of speech to those who disagree with anarchistic philosophy and stand with George Wallace for morality and order."

The Moline police said one or more bands of "several Negro youths" heavily damaged a number of autos in the field house parking lot and beat some persons with lead pipes and pop bottles in other parts of the city after the rally.

## One of those beaten, Wil-

liam LeCompte, 30, of Waterloo, was listed in fair condition Tuesday in Moline Public Hospital. Police said LeCompte was attacked at Sixteenth Street and Twentieth Avenue, Moline.

LeCompte reportedly was walking east on Twentieth Avenue when several Negro youths carrying pop bottles beat him and hit him on the head with the bottles.

LeCompte, who lost a \$90 camera in the encounter, was helped to a porch by a passerby and was taken to the hospital in the fire department ambulance.

Another man, Robert Hendrick, 35, of 3819 Sunnyside Ave., Davenport, was treated and released at Moline Public after being hit on the head with a 2-foot lead pipe.

According to police, Hendrick had stopped for a stop light on Twenty-third Avenue, when several Negro youths ran past his car and struck it with the pipe.

When Hendrick got out, they struck him with the pipe, police said.

Total damage to the autos involved in the spree was \$1,810, according to the police.

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Former Alabama Gov. George Wallace  
is campaigning for President on a platform of "law and order."  
He doesn't spell it out, but if you go on past performance  
—and what else is there to go on?—  
this is what law and order mean to George Wallace:



**POLICE DOGS**

In Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, Wallace's lawmen turned loose snarling vicious police dogs on human beings—both black and white.



**BILLY-CLUBS**

In Selma, a Wallace posse beat citizens senseless with their clubs to prevent a peaceful demonstration for the right to vote.



**FIRE-BOMBS**

When Wallace was governor, fire-bombs terrorized the citizenry. Tragedy is etched on the faces of these people, who were in church when a fire-bomb exploded. Four children were killed. Homes were bombed out. Meetings of blacks and whites were bombed, too.

(Footnote: During Wallace's reign, Alabama had the highest murder rate of any state in the nation and was fourth highest in the nation in incidents of aggravated assault. Where were "law and order" then?)

This is how George Wallace ran Alabama—  
by police-dog, billy-club and fire-bomb law and order.  
If that's what you want for your state and community, vote for George Wallace  
for President.

If it isn't, better think twice about it.

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